

H. R. 332.

FEBRUARY 14, 1825.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States."

A BILL

*Supplementary to the several acts providing for the adjustment of land claims.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3 *the claimants of lands, town lots, or out lots, within the limits*  
4 *of the former Land District of Jackson Court House, whose*  
5 *claims have been presented to the Commissioner appointed*  
6 *to receive and examine claims and titles to lands in said Dis-*  
7 *trict, or to the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at*  
8 *Jackson Court House, acting as Commissioners, under the pro-*  
9 *visions of the act of the third of March, one thousand eight*  
10 *hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act for adjusting the*  
11 *claims to lands and establishing Land Offices in the District*  
12 *east of the island of New Orleans," and which have not been*  
13 *reported to Congress, or whose claims have not been hereto-*  
14 *fore presented to the said Commissioner, or to the Register*

15 and Reeiver, acting as Commissioners, be allowed until the  
 16 first day of January next, to present their titles and claims,  
 17 and the evidence in support of the same, to the Register and  
 18 Receiver of the Land Office at Augusta, in the state of Mis-  
 19 sissippi, whose powers and duties, in relation to the same,  
 20 shall, in all respects, be governed by the provisions of the acts  
 21 before recited, and of the act of the eighth of May, one  
 22 thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, entitled "An act  
 23 supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to  
 24 land and establishing Land offices in the District east of the  
 25 island of New Orleans."

1        *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted,* That the said Regis-  
 2 ter and Receiver shall have power to receive and examine  
 3 such titles and claims, and, for that purpose, shall hold their  
 4 sessions at Mobile, for the examination of claims to land with-  
 5 in the state of Alabama; and at Augusta, for the examination  
 6 of claims to land in the state of Mississippi: they shall give  
 7 suitable notice of the time and place of their sessions, but  
 8 may adjourn from time to time, and meet at such other places  
 9 as may be necessary, or may best suit the convenience of the  
 10 claimants, on giving proper notice of the time of their ad-  
 11 jourments. And the said Register and Receiver shall have  
 12 power to appoint a Clerk, who shall be a person capable of  
 13 translating the French and Spanish languages, and who shall  
 14 perform the duty of Translator, and such other duty as may

15 be required by the said Register and Receiver. And the said  
 16 Register and Receiver shall each be allowed, as a compensa-  
 17 tion for their services, in relation to the said claims, and for  
 18 the services to be performed under the provisions of the se-  
 19 veral acts to which this is a supplement, at the rate of one  
 20 thousand dollars per annum; and the Clerk at the rate of one  
 21 thousand dollars per annum; which several sums of money  
 22 shall be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise  
 23 appropriated: *Provided*, That not more than one year's com-  
 24 pensation shall be thus allowed to either the Register or Re-  
 25 ceiver, or their Clerk; and the payment of the whole of the  
 26 aforesaid compensation shall be withheld by the Secretary of  
 27 the Treasury, until a report, to be approved by him, shall have  
 28 been made to him, of the performance of the services for  
 29 which the same is allowed.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Regis-  
 2 ter and Receiver of the Land Office at Augusta be, and they  
 3 are hereby, required, on completing the examination of said  
 4 titles and claims, to separate, so far as practicable, from the  
 5 titles to lands in the state of Mississippi, all such papers or  
 6 claims, or evidence of claims, for every tract of land, or town  
 7 lot, lying in the state of Alabama, and certify the same, gene-  
 8 rally, to the Register of the Land Office at St. Stephens, in  
 9 the state of Alabama, and, on proper application, to deliver  
 10 them over to said Register, whose duty it shall be to receive  
 11 the same, and preserve them among the records of his office.